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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 305
By Robinson

A RESOLUTION to honor Bill Jeans on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those exemplary citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jeans is one such outstanding person, who has served with alacrity and acuity for 29 years as an employee of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jeans exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fayetteville, Bill is the son of Madelyn Frances Jeans and James Bright Jeans; and

WHEREAS, during his early years, Bill Jeans worked on the family farm growing cotton and tobacco and assisted with the operations of a Grade A dairy farm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeans is a graduate of Central High School in Fayetteville, where he was an outstanding football and basketball player; and

WHEREAS, he was also an active participant in the 4-H Club; and

WHEREAS, Bill received a full football scholarship to Austin Peay State University, where he received his bachelor of science degree in business administration; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Jeans began his exemplary career at the Department of Highways in 1968, working in the Right of Way Division as a ROW Office Manager; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, he worked for the Department of Personnel as a technician in the Records and Payrolls Division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeans returned to the Department of Highways in 1971 and served in a variety of capacities, from recruiting officer to assistant chief of personnel; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Bill Jeans was promoted to Director of Personnel at the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious tenure with the Department of Transportation, Bill Jeans has been the director of management services, central services manager and director of public transportation; and

WHEREAS, currently, Bill Jeans serves with distinction as the legislative liaison for the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Bill Jeans still finds time to lend his considerable talents as president of the Parent Teacher Organization at Ashland City Elementary School, Chairman of the Cheatham County Planning Commission and is an active supporter of Goodpasture Christian School athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jeans is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Ashland City, where he serves as Sunday School Director; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Bill Jeans is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Carolyn Watson Jeans, and his three sons, Steven Douglas Jeans, Joshua Brandon Jeans and Jonathan Brian Jeans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeans' adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we extend to Bill Jeans our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.